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Dear Harold,

I am disgusted with what is happening in New Orleans, as I'm sure others are. The case is structurally weak simply because it relies ultimately upon Russo -- who is uncorroborated and neutralized even if he is telling the truth. I think the presentation of Dealey Plaza facts was good -- but it could have been more meticulous and complete as I'm sure you agree. The junk about Oswald bringing a rifle into the TSBD is a ploy (Louie said no comment when asked) to force Shaw either to admit an overt act or to admit conspiracy in Dealey P;aza/

Anyhow, I want to bug out of everything for awhile to find out what happened. Is my judgment so poor? Is it the opposition? Is Garrison of poor judgment? What happened? For many months I've felt something like this was going to happen -- in fact since your last visit. The junk in December was the capper. Until I have a better handle on the situation, I had better do nothing.

As far as our finances are concerned: the shipment of WWII in question did not arrive as far as my memory and records show. Would I have signed something if they did? Would the P.O. have it on record? I'll be returning 10 books, mostly Photo WW for credit. All in A-1 condition.

The rifle went to New Orleans pronto as requested. Did it get to whoever it was supposed to? Is the little radio o.k.?

I guess that's all. As much as it disrupts loyalties to say so, I think the integrity of American justice is best served by an acquittal unless, somehow, more comes out. There is a reasonable doubt, I think.

Best,

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